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Subject: I read the online version of the Healthy Forests Initiative

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And I have a question.

On page 10 there was a comparison picture, a before and after if you will, to show what the initiative is going to do for our forests. But in reading the initiative, there seems to be no clear definition of what "thinning" is considered to be.

Do we have any type of reassurance that this initiative will not allow logging companies to come in and clear cut forests away? I think we both understand that clear cutting would be trading one long term environmental problem with another.

I would whole heartedly support a movement to clean up the forests and maintain them as growing thriving forests, without the undergrowth problem. Selective cutting would be highly beneficial, but this is not clearly stated in the initiative.

Please tell me that clear cutting is not an option and will not be used to pad the pockets of the logging companies while reeking havoc with the soil, fauna and water systems.

Thank you for your time.

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